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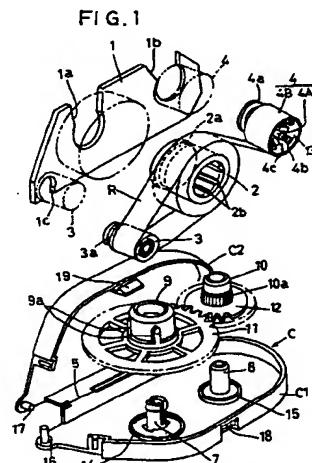
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(54) Film transfer apparatus and a film transfer roller used therein

(57) A film transfer apparatus includes an apparatus casing (c) having a feed-core support shaft (9) for detachably mounting a feed core (2) and a take-up core support shaft (10) for detachably mounting a take-up core (4). The support shafts respectively include a transmission member (11,12) for causing the take-up core (4) to provide a film ribbon take-up speed higher than a ribbon feed speed of the feed core (2). For slippably coupling the feed core rotation and the take-up core rotation, a slip coupling mechanism (13,29) is provided. This mechanism is constituted by an engaged portion (46) of the take-up core for engagement with a mating engaging portion (10a) of the take-up core support shaft. The engaged portion is elastically deformable to a non-transmission condition with application thereto of a force exceeding a predetermined level. Further, the engaged portion is provided with a mechanical strength smaller than the engaging portion.





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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

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1. Claims 1-14:
A film transfer apparatus.
2. Claims 15-18:
A film transfer roller.
3. Claims 19,20:
Combination of a film transfer apparatus and film transfer roller.

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